

## Zoom Link:

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### Meeting for Worship

October 29, 2023

10:00 PM Semi-programmed worship

Music: Kathleen Adams

Leigh Tolton, pastor

### Welcome

**First word:** Sue Graves  
Recent Trip to Scotland

**Scripture:** Galatians 1: 13-17 (Example of Gaelic story telling --- Book written to the Celtic)

13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. 17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

### Reading #1 :

**On Presence:** The Celtic Tradition, unlike Calvinism that suppressed it in many parts of the Celtic world, is not Sabbatarian in its perspective. The emphasis is not on set apart times of rest, or so-called 'holy days' or 'holy places,' places that are distinct from every day and every place. Rather it encourages a type of restful awareness in everything that we do. It is about holding a stillness of perspective in the midst of busyness. It is about being alert of the light of the sun in the midst of morning work or to the mystery of the moon at night. It is about tasting the goodness of God in the fruit of the earth and the love of God on the lips of another. It is about knowing ...that in all things we are surrounded by eternity. (pp108-109, The Book of Creation: An introduction to Celtic Spirituality, J Philip Newell, 1999)

### Reading #2

**On Liminal Spaces:** In Scotland the meeting of the day with the night is called the gloaming... In Celtic legend the twilight of the period of two lights, is a mystical time when an encounter between the visible world and the invisible world is more likely to

occur... It is the transitional moment of seeing that is neither the day's nor the night's but the merging of the two. It is the marriage of the time of the sun with the time of the moon. It is a theophany of the harmony of God. (pp 62-63, Ibid)

- In what ways do you see a connection between Quakerism and its Celtic roots?
- In what ways do you seek connection?
- In what ways do you seek presence?
- In what ways do you seek silence?
- In what ways do you see God in everything that you do?
- In what ways are you willing to stop think and replace purposefully your thoughts with thoughts of gratitude and connection to the moment?

### Open Worship

*(Listen in silence for the voice of The Divine. If moved to speak, sing, or read, please go to the podium so everyone can hear your message. Silence is also a message.)*

### Are all Hearts and Minds clear?

*(when the question is asked, if you are still in prayer about something or you have something you are led to say, you can shake your head "no" and we will wait for your prayer time to be completed, and we will continue to pray with you in the meantime)*

### Joys and Concerns

Closing Prayer

Leigh Tolton

Announcements

### Closing Song: Tis a Gift to Be Simple

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
**When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.**

*Tis a gift to be gentle, 'tis a gift to be fair,  
'tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air,  
To walk every day in the path we choose,  
Tis the gift we pray we never, never lose.  
**When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,***

***To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.***

*'Tis a gift to be knowing, 'tis the gift to be kind,  
Tis a gift to wait to hear another's' mind,  
That when we speak our feelings we might come out true,  
'Tis the gift for me, tis the gift for you  
**When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.***

*'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,  
'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,  
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,  
Then we'll all live together and learn to say,  
**When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.***

*'Tis the gift to be loving, tis the best gift of all,  
Like the warm spring rain brining beauty when it falls,  
And when we use this gift we might come to believe,  
It is better to give than it is to receive.  
**When true simplicity is gain'd,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.***

**Time of Fellowship: Scottish Cookies and Tea in the Entryway**

**Song #1: Quiet Center**

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are  
freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

**Meeting for worship with attention to business**

In the silence I become aware of God.  
In the silence I feel the presence of God.  
In the silence my problems can fall into their rightful place.  
In the silence I can become a grateful person.  
And in the silence, God and I become one.  
Scottish prayer, St Magnus Cathedral, October 2023



## Klamath Falls Friends Church

October 29, 2023

Semi-programmed Worship

10:00 AM

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**All Are Welcome Here**

*Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences.*

## *Announcements*

*Tuesday is Food Bank from 5:30-7:30; If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maureen. We need volunteers during this time to help with facepainting and playing games with the children.*

*Next Sunday is a special Sunday in a few ways.*

- *We will have guests, Judy and Johann Mahuer*